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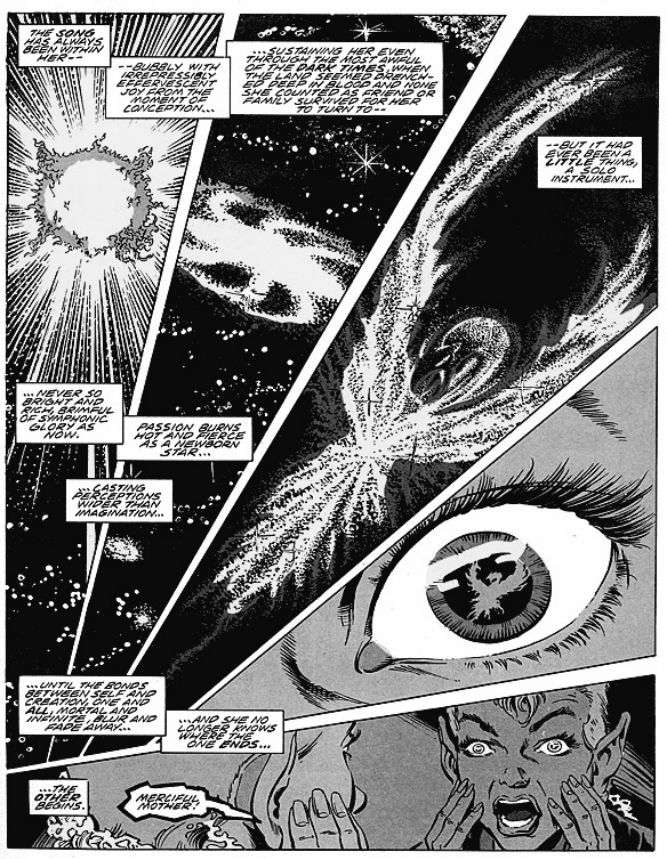
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THE SONG
HAS ALWAYS
BEEN WITHIN
HER --

--BUBBLY WITH
IRREPRESSIBLY
EFFULGENT
JOY FROM THE
MOMENT OF
CONCEPTION...

...SUSTAINING HER EVEN
THROUGH THE MOST AWFUL
OF THE DARK TIMES, WHEN
THE LAND SEEMED DRINCH-
ED DEEP IN BLOOD AND NONE
SHE COUNTED AS FRIEND OR
FAMILY SURVIVED FOR HER
TO TURN TO --

--BUT IT HAD
EVER BEEN A
LITTLE THING,
A SOLO
INSTRUMENT...

...NEVER SO
BRIGHT AND
RICH, BRIMFUL
OF SYMPHONIC
GLORY AS
NOW.

PASSION BURNS
HOT AND FIERCE
AS A NEWBORN
STAR...

...CASTING
PERCEPTIONS
WIDER THAN
IMAGINATION...

...UNTIL THE BONDS
BETWEEN SELF AND
CREATION GIVE AND
ALL MORTAL AND
INFINITE, BLUR AND
FADE AWAY...

...AND SHE NO
LONGER KNOWS
WHERE THE
ONE ENDS...

...THE
OTHER
BEGINS.

MERLIFUL
MOTHER!

WILD WILD WHEELS



CURSE YOU,
PHOENIX--

A STAN LEE
PRESENTATION

STARRING
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--WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO ME?!!

UNFORTUNATELY, RACHEL SUMMERS-- BEING A TELEPATH-- ISN'T SO MUCH AWARE OF MEGGAN'S WORDS AS THE RAGE AND FEAR BEHIND THEM.

TO HER THIS REGISTERS AS AN ATTACK.

MORE ASLEEP THAN AWAKE...

...IN THE GRIPS OF HIS OWN NIGHT TERRORS...

...SHE RESPONDS ACCORDINGLY.

GET AWAY!

WHICH, IN TURN, HAS CONSEQUENCES THAT REACH FAR BEYOND THE TWO WOMEN'S SLEEPING COMPARTMENT.

MY, OH MY!

OWHHW!

THE TRAIN-- BUCKING LIKE WE'VE BEEN PIERAILED!

NIGHTCRAWLER ISN'T FAR WRONG...

...AS THE TRAIN'S PROGRESS THROUGH THE PAN-DIMENSIONAL VOID IS VIOLENTLY TOTALLY DISRUPTED.

YOU SEE, IT'S THE LITTLE ROBOT WIDGET THAT TAKES EXCALIBUR ON THESE CROSSTIME JAUNTS...

...BUT IT'S PHOENIX WHO PROVIDES THE POWER FOR HIM TO DO IT!

WHAT AFFECTS HER...

YAIOW

...AFFECTS WHN.

SHADOWCAT-- WHAT THE DEVIL'S HAPPENING?!

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE, CAP.

BUT YOU BETTER HOLD ON TIGHT!

ALL OUR TRANSIT SYSTEMS ARE CRASHING-- WE'RE IN A DIMENSIONAL RE INTEGRATION PROFILE --

--HEADING FOR A HARD LANDING!

WHICH
MEANS...

...ON A WORLD
MUCH LIKE
OUR OWN...

...[THAT IS TO SAY, AN
ALTERNATE EARTH WHERE
THE MAJOR ELEMENTS
ARE THE SAME BUT THE
DETAILS WILDLY DIFFERENT,
OR VICE VERSA]...

CHAMPION WORLD-CLASS
RACER JAMIE BRADDOCK
IS SUPPLYING AND ALTOGETHER
SURPRISED...

SONOVAGUIN--
WILL YOU LOOK
AT THAT?

...TO FIND HIMSELF
ABOUT TO BE RUN OVER
BY A TRAIN.

BUT HE ISN'T A
CHAMPION FOR
NOTHING.

SUPERB REACTIONS
AND A CAR
TO MATCH...

...COMBINE TO
THWIST HIM OUT
OF HARM'S WAY...

SKAM

...AS KITTY PRYDE'S
WARNING TO HER TEAM-
MATES PROVES PAIN-
FULLY PROPHETIC.

MOST ABOARD MANAGE
TO HOLD ON.

MEGGAN ISN'T SO LUCKY.

YOU, MY DEAR,
APPEAR IN NEED
OF RESCUE.

HOW
LUCKY--
FOR US
BOTH--

--I JUST
HAPPENED TO BE PASS-
ING BY.





I KNEW IT-- SOME
KIND OF PSYCHIC
SHOCK--

--I'LL WAGER SHE'S
BARELY AWARE OF
WHERE SHE IS, MUCH
LESS WHAT'S
HAPPENING.

I WONDER
IS IT BECAUSE OF
OUR CRASH, OR THE
CAUSE OF IT--

!--SOME-
THING TO
PUZZLE
OUT
LATER.

AFTER I'VE TELE-
PORTED US OUT
OF HERE.

TIME TO
LEIBCHEN.

APOLOGIES
IN ADVANCE
FOR THE ROUGH...

POOT

...RIDE--!

MEIN GOTT-- I THOUGHT
I'D HAVE STRENGTH
ENOUGH TO TRY A
DOUBLE 'PORT--!

THEY'RE
TOO CLOSE--

--NO
TIME,
NOW--

--AWK!

VVVVRRROOM

LOCKHEED!

BLESS
YOU, LITTLE
DRAGON!

YOU
SAVED
THEM!

SOME WHILE LATER, AFTER THE TRAIN'S INTERIOR HAS BEEN TIDIED (AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE)...

I MANAGED TO PATCH MY MONITOR INTO THE LOCAL VIDEO NET, BUT THIS SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY PROGRAM ON THE AIR.

PRETTY WEIRD WORLD.

ONLY THEY SEEM TO DO...

...IS RUN THIS GLOBAL GRAND PRIZ.

AND BRIAN'S BIG BROTHER, JAMIE--OR RATHER, THIS WORLD'S INCARNATION OF HIM--SEEMS TO BE NUMERO UNO AMONG THE DRIVERS.

THE WONDER WHAT BRIAN HAS AGAINST HIM? SOUNDED LIKE SERIOUS BAD BLOOD.

IS IT SOME KIND OF A "BOY" THING? 'CAUSE BRI'S TWIN SISTER SEEMED TO LIKE JAMIE OKAY WHEN I KNEW HER WITH THE X-MEN.

A-HA! BINGO-BONGO-BONGO PAYDIRT!

THANK YOU, MR. RACE REPORTER, FOR SHOWING ME WHERE MEG IS AND HOW SHE'S DOING.

ACTUALLY, SHE LOOKS PRETTY ZONED.

IS THAT CONNECTED TO RAY'S CONDICTION?

CAR'S MOVING FAST, IT'S ALREADY PRETTY FAR AWAY.

THAT SHOULDN'T MATTER, THOUGH. SINCE MEG CAN FLY, SHE CAN COME BACK ANYTIME.

QUESTION IS, WHY HASN'T SHE?

HOW'S THE PATIENT?

SWEATY, FEVERISH, SEMI-COMA-TOSE--I'VE STARTED AN IV TO REPLACE THE FLUIDS SHE'S LOSING THROUGH PERSPIRATION. BEYOND THAT, KATZCHEN, WE'RE STUMPED.

RAY'S POWER GIVES HER PERFECT CONTROL OVER HER BODY...

SHE ISN'T SUPPOSED TO GET SICK.

TELL US ABOUT IT.

ANOTHER PROBLEM IS, IF HER DELIRIUM MANIFESTS ITSELF THROUGH HER TELEPATHIC POWER AS PROJECTED NIGHTMARES, OR THROUGH HER TELEKINEISIS AS POLTERGEIST ACTIVITY.

OH TERRIFIC, SHE CAN TEAR OUR MINDS TO BITS, OR OUR BODIES, AND NEVER REALIZE IT.

HOPEFULLY IT WON'T COME TO THAT.

ANY LUCK ON YOUR END, KITTY?

FOUND MEGGAN. NO SIGN OF CAP.

WHICH IS EQUALLY ODD. COME TO THINK OF IT, SINCE HE CAN FLY, TOO.

HOW COME HE HASN'T CAUGHT UP WITH JAMIE OR CHECKED BACK WITH US--HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIM?

MORE I LEARN ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR EARTH, THE SILLIER IT SEEMS.

PIECES DON'T ASSEMBLE INTO ANY COHERENT WHOLE.

IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D SAY THIS WORLD WASN'T SO MUCH EVOLVED...

...AS SOMEBODY-- WITH A REALLY TWISTED SENSE OF HUMOR--

--MADE IT UP AS HE WENT ALONG.

PRAT! CAN'T EVEN KICK A STUPID ROCK IN FRUSTRATION!

BE PATIENT. THEY TELL ME, THE HEALING PROCESS IS GRADUAL.

TRUE, YOUR CURRENT NATURAL STATE IS TO BE PHASED...

INSUBSTANTIAL AS A GHOST.

BUT THAT'LL PASS.

IN TIME, SOMEDAY, EVENTUALLY.

YOU'LL BE SOLID AGAIN.

'SCUSE ME, IF I DON'T HOLD MY BREATH WAITING.

EXCALIBUR ISN'T IN MUCH BETTER SHAPE, EITHER.

NO CAP OR RAY MEANS NO FLIERS TO GO AFTER MEG, AND NO RAY ALSO MEANS NOBODY TO JUMP-START WIDGET AND TRIGGER HIS PAN-DIMENSIONAL WARD CAPABILITY.

WHICH MEANS WE COULD BE STUCK HERE, PERMENTLY!

UGH!

AGH!

HMNH-- SOMEBODY SURE TO TALED HIS WHEELS IN A MAJOR WAY.

NICE MESS. ONLY THE BASIC FRAME'S LEFT...

...FIRE MELTED EVERYTHING ELSE PRETTY NEAR TO SLAG. WAIT, THIS RINGS A BELL--
"OOPS"--DIDN'T I SEE A PIECE ABOUT IT ON ONE OF THE RACE RETROSPECTIVES?

YEAH YEAH-- A SUPERCAR, THE FIRST ULTRA-HIGH PERFORMANCE MACHINE CONSIDERED CAPABLE OF MATCHING JAMIE BRADDOCK. CRASHED UNDER MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES. DESIGNER BUILDER DRIVER KILLED.

QUERY?

YAIKES!





ROAD TRIP!
BOYBOY, IS THIS THE LIFE!
ONLY THING MISSING IS SOME MUSIC.
I WONDER, WIDGEY..



-- IF I FED YOU SOME PRIMO TAPES...
...COULD YOU MAKE LIKE A STEREO?
GEEZ-- I WISH I COULD FIND A WAY TO TAP INTO YOUR SENSORS.



IF I KNEW HOW YOU PERCEIVED THINGS, THAT'D BE A MAJOR STEP TOWARDS FIGURING HOW YOU THINK.
AH-EM!
I MEAN, WE SEEM TO HAVE A PROBLEM, BUT SO DO LOCKHEED AND I.
AND I STILL HAVEN'T A CLUE ABOUT HIM.



MAYBE I SHOULD JUST ACCEPT THE FACT WE'RE ALL PALE AND LET IT GO AT THAT?
AH-EM!



WHOA?! WHOZZAT?!?
HUN?!
SKREEEE



HEY THERE, BIG BOY...
...CAN I INTEREST YOU IN A LIFT?
MOST IMPRESSIVE.
FLAT-TERER.



ACTUALLY I MEANT THE CAR.
I KNEW THAT.
WIDGEY'S DOING?
USED THE WRECKED ORIGINAL AS A TEMPLATE.
SO, UM, CAP-- WHY ARE YOU WALKING? WHAT HAPPENED??



TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT QUITE SURE.
I CAUGHT UP WITH JAMIE FAIRLY QUICKLY.
MEGGAN WASN'T AWARE OF ME AT ALL, SHE MUST HAVE BEEN IN SOME KIND OF TRANCE.
I REMEMBER A FLASH OF ENERGY FROM JAMIE'S EYES.
AND THEN SUPPENLY...
...ALL MY POWERS VANISHED.
THEY'VE BEEN COMING BACK GRADUALLY, BUT SO FAR I'M A MERE FRACTION OF MY NORMAL SELF.





RICO, STOP THIS! YOU'RE A PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A PROUD MEMBER OF THE "DIRTY ANGELS" STRIKE FORCE (A LOVELY PAIR!)







THE PITTE STOPPE...

WHAT DID BRIAN
EVER DO TO ME, TO
MAKE ME HATE
HIM SO, HMMH?

OTHER
THAN BE
BORN.

HIM AN' BETSY,
THE TERRIFIC
TWIN.

AS THOUGH
I WAS THE
PROTOTYPE--

--THE TEST
-BED WHERE
MUMMY AND
DADDY MADE
ALL THEIR
MISTAKES--

--BEFORE GETTING THINGS
PERFECT, THE SECOND GO-
AROUND.

THE IRONY
IS, THE BRATS
WORSHIPPED
ME.

AND WHY
NOT, I'M THE
CHAMPION.

THIS IS
INSANE!

ONE
MOMENT,
I'M THE
ULTIMATE
BABE.

NOW I'M A
VARIATION ON
CAPTAIN
BRITAIN.

SHAPE-
CHANGING.

MEGGAN!

SOMEHOW,
OUR POWERS
ARE IN SYNC,
HER META-
MORPHOSES
RESONATING
THROUGH
ME.

GOT TO REACH
HER TELEPATHIC-
ALLY, MAKE HER
STOP!

WELL WELL WELL,
WHAT HAVE WE
HERE?

YOU'RE SUPPOSED
TO BE PLAYING
CHAMELEON ACCORD-
ING TO MY DESIRES,
MEGGAN...

I...BUT
DON'T
RECALL...

...WHISTLING
UP ANY RED
HEAD.

CAN'T BE A MANI-
FESTATION OF IN-
DEPENDENCE OR
FEEL--WILL I
ALREADY DEALT
WITH THAT.

SO WHAT
ELSE--
AHA!

FASCINATING.

I'Y SPECIAL
I RECEPTION
REVEAL'S TWO
MATRICES OF
ENERGY...

...WHERE
THERE SHOULD
BE ONLY ONE.

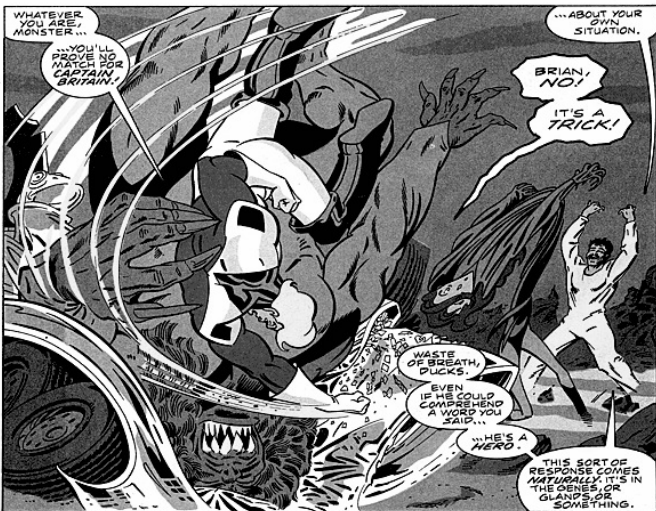
MEGGAN'S
I'M ALREADY
FAMILIAR
WITH.

LET'S SEE
WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN I GRAB
HOLD OF THE
OTHER.













NEXT: MADRIPDOOR KNIGHTS!

SWORD STOKES

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Attention correspondents: If you don't want your full address printed, please be sure to tell us so!

People,
EXCALIBUR #14 was another gem in this
cornerworld full of cubic zirconium.

The cover was classic. It brought back
fond memories of similar covers in the six-
ties—Marvel heroes versus Marvel heroes,
and usually one team was bogus. The back
cover was priceless with that loopy version
of the Marvel Universe—it certainly was Not
Brand Eech or "X" for that matter.

The story line was as much fun to chew
as it was to eat. I really dig alternative
realities. Nothing like a cyborg Captain
America to get my juices flowing.

Even though the story in #14 was light in
tone we still were treated to a heaping hand-
ful of Excalibur character development.
Captain Britain was his usual hot tempered
self, but not hot enough to miss the burgeon-
ing relationship between Meggan and Kurt,
they really do make a handsome couple.
Speaking of hot Rachel was quite the
fahrenheit *femme fatale*. I needed oven
mitts to read her panels. At least we finally
found out how Widget works, he and
Phoenix are another dynamic duo. Widget
has quite a healthy appetite, the 'garbage
gourmet'. Kitty acted a bit childish in this
issue, but that's just Kitty. Meggan was the
consummate cutie and I loved her new outfit!
It's a keeper.

The alternative Marvel heroes were all
quite fun, especially the Fantastic Four, and
I loved the "Logan line-up", every incarnation
of Logan except the missing "Logan
link". Oh, and Galactus was his usual "barrel
o' laughs" self.

Lon Wolf
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We're glad issue #14 as well as
Meggan's new outfit met with your en-
thusiastic approval, Lon—we live to
please!

Dear Sword Stokes,

Well, I gotta say for this ya, WHAT IF? has
nothing on EXCALIBUR! EXCALIBUR #14
was about as wild a distortion of the Marvel
Universe as WHAT IF? has ever presented,
made even more so by the fact that the
reader wasn't warned in advance of what
was going on. The cover should have said
something like, "Can you spot 952 gags in
this issue?"

I suppose the true test of a reality warping
story isn't whether the heroes are confused,
or even whether the readers are confused,
but whether the editors can keep their own
grasp on reality through it all. EXCALIBUR
#14 managed to fool even Terry Kavanagh:
ten to the twenty-third power is a one, not a
ten, followed by twenty-three zeroes, still a
very big number! Then again, in the twisted
truths of the world EXCALIBUR was in, Terry
may well have been right . . .

"Hermit" Wilson
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Dear Sword Stokes,

"Ten to the twenty-third! That means—!"
"I know what it means, Professor Stuart."
No doubt Alistaire Stuart, "God's gift to

science," and Kitty Pryde, child prodigy with
a genius level IQ, do know all about scientific
notation and its importance. The question,
Mr. Kavanagh, is whether you do?

In a most helpful footnote at the bottom of
page 20 of EXCALIBUR #14, you tell the read-
ers that ten to the twenty-third is "a very
large number . . ." You're right; it is; it's just
not quite as large as you think. It's one
followed by twenty-two zeroes, not twenty-
three.

It is, in fact several trillion times the popu-
lation of all the alien races known to the
Marvel Universe as listed in its Official Hand-
book.

John Christopher Rhoades Disman
(No Address given)

Dear Guys,

Regarding your explanation of ten to the
twenty-third in EXCALIBUR #14, page 20,
panel 5: I believe that even in alternate
Marvel Universes, ten to the twenty-third is
still one followed by twenty-three zeroes, or
one hundred thousand million million million.
Although this is still a very big number, it is
nine hundred thousand million million million
less than ten followed by twenty-three zeroes.

Kevin MacMillan
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Thank you for pointing out our mis-
take, guys. You can rest assured that
Terry is being thusly punished for his
error in mathematics—Lockheed is
handling it.

Dear Sword Stokes,

Kudos on your first fourteen wonderful
issues. EXCALIBUR has captured the
humor, fun and sense of family that the X-
Men has, for the most part, been lacking since
the Mutant Massacre. Keep up the
great work!

I have one question however. Why does
Phoenix wear the same costume she wore
as a mutant-hunting hound in her night-
marish alternate future? How about chang-
ing her uniform to the colorful red and yellow
costume she first wore back in X-MEN
ANNUAL #9? The one she wears now is
ugly.

Kurt Dersham
(No Address Given)

Phoenix has many subconscious
reasons why she wears that costume,
Kurt. The foremost of which is that it re-
minds her of where she came from and
what she must not let this world become,
but every now and then she does change
her ensemble. Just check out her nifty
duds that she's worn over the past
several issues or so. Besides we're not
going to be the ones to tell her her
costume's ugly, are you?

Dear Kitty,

Don't worry about Alistaire. I still love you.
Reed Meschefske
960 Higgins Avenue
Neenah, Wisconsin 54956

As do we all, Reed, as do we all!

Dear Sword Stokes,

I had my reservations about the Cross-
Time Capers storyline as I don't usually enjoy
stories of alternate worlds, but once again
Claremont's storytelling combined with
Davis's pencils has bowled me over. I par-
ticularly like the scene in EXCALIBUR #14
where Phoenix covers Nigel Frobisher in tar
and feathers! I can well imagine what he
was thinking about her! Another highlight of
the issue for me was when the Hulk started
crying after being thumped by Captain Britain.

Captain Britain's new suit was a welcome
addition. While still in the style of his old one
it looks much smarter. I just hope it is a
permanent change.

There is only one gripe I have about EX-
CALIBUR and that is that you didn't make it
biweekly in the summer. After all it is one of
your best selling books.

Matt Ellard
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Thanks for your praises, Matt. We're
sorry we couldn't bring EXCALIBUR to
you on a biweekly basis, so to make it up
to you we will be bringing you the EX-
CALIBUR SPECIAL EDITION which will
bring you the adventures of our team as
rendered by Art Adams! Be on the look-
out for it in December! See Ya!



A SPECIAL PREVIEW
OF OUR UPCOMING
EXCALIBUR
SPECIAL EDITION--
"MOTO MAYHEM"

